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Electric Lights, Again.

Council Gets Amended Offer from Mr. T. M. Hughes and Passes Another Ordinance.

Still another move has been made by Council in the matter of electric lights. On Monday last an ordinance was passed amending franchise granted to Mr. T. M. Hughes so as to reduce the maximum rates for lights for residences and churches twenty-five per cent, such amendment being made at the suggestion of Mr. Hughes himself.

In his proposition to Council, proposing to make the reduction stated, Mr. Hughes submits figures to show the difference between the rates fixed by the original franchise and those of the amended ordinance. The saving to consumers is stated by him as follows:

It is safe to assume that there would be less than one thousand lights furnished to the residences and churches of the Town, and it may be stated, therefore, with reasonable certainty, that the reduction, under my proposed amendment, will amount to not less than One Thousand Three Hundred and Seven and 50-100 (\$1,307.50) Dollars per year; or Thirty nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-five (\$39,225.00) Dollars for the thirty year period. I would especially direct your attention, however, to the fact that the benefit of the reduction increases proportionately with the number of lights furnished, i. e., assuming that fifteen hundred lights should be used, the reduction would amount to a saving of Fifty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-seven and 50-100 (\$58,837.50) Dollars; or assuming that two thousand lights should be used it would represent a saving of Seventy-eight Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty (\$78,450.00) Dollars, etc., ad infinitum.

Mr. Hughes concludes with a comparison of his amended offer with the Witherspoons-Stevens proposition published in Saturday's News, as follows:

I would also call your attention to the significant advantages of the reduction I offer over that offered by Messrs. Witherspoon and John T. Stevens.

1. The proposition of the Messrs. Witherspoon and John T. Stevens offers no reduction in prices, named in the original contract, but merely agrees to give the town ten additional arc lights, free of charge. In other words, they do not offer you the same number of lights for less money, but offer you more lights for the same money, and this without regard to whether or not the Town needs these additional lights.

Under the amendment which I propose, a reduction in prices is given immediately upon the commencement of operations under the franchise, extending to all residences and churches, thus meeting a present need, and bringing it immediately home to all classes of citizens.

II. My proposition represents a much greater saving to the Town than that submitted by the Messrs. Witherspoon and John T. Stevens. Their proposition purports to show a saving of only Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) a year, Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00) for thirty-year period, for which the franchise is granted. This saving could never be any greater throughout the thirty-year period, however great the business done, or however much the Town might grow.

Under the amendment which I propose, the saving will certainly be not less than One Thousand Three Hundred and Seven and Fifty-One Hundredths Dollars (\$1,307.50) per year, or Thirty-nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$39,225.00) for the thirty-year period; while, at the same time, the saving to increase in proportion to the increase of business and the growth of the Town as may be seen by reference to the table herein above given.

III. The reduction offered by Messrs. Witherspoon and John T. Stevens, offers no definite benefit to the general consumers; whereas, under my proposed amendment, the benefits of the reduction in rates will be distributed to all classes of people in the most equitable manner possible.

In conclusion I wish to express the sincere belief that, under the franchise granted me and amended as now proposed, the people of Lancaster have the opportunity to get electric lights at the best obtainable, and altogether reasonable, rates.

I herewith hand you my check for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) as an evidence of good faith.

Yours very truly,
T. M. Hughes
April, 29, 1907.

Lad Found his Father Murdered.

Waycross, Ga., April 29.—According to the verdict of the coroner's jury, John Grantham, 35 years old, was murdered by unknown parties at the new Atlantic Coast Line shops here this morning. The body of the dead man was found by his little son at 12 o'clock today, when he went to the shops to carry his father's dinner. The boy ran home and told his mother that his father was asleep and that he could not awaken him.

Mrs. Grantham then went to the shops and found that her husband was dead, a bullet having entered his breast near the heart.

Negro Shot to Death for Shooting White Man.

Columbus, Ga., April 29.—D. B. Mitchell, a Columbus traveling man, was shot in the arm at Pittsview, Ala., today by a negro, named Ebb Calhoun. Calhoun later was shot to death by a number of white men, seven or eight participating. The sheriff and a posse have gone from Seale at the request of Pittsview citizens. The trouble was started by Calhoun's son running against a white woman at Pittsview yesterday.

Mr. H. B. Pardue, of Fort Lawn, was in town yesterday.

The State Capital

Columbia's Latest Homicide--Nominees for State Board of Health--Other Matters.

Mr. Editor: It is hoped that spring has come to stay and that Columbia will be at her best for the coming of the Confederate veterans.

Quite a great deal of excitement was caused about noon Friday on Main Street. Ex-Coroner William S. Green is charged with the murder of a negro hackman and is now in jail for the same offense. It seems that Thursday night Green and a man named J. W. Davis from Norway had a difficulty and that the negro, Mose Tucker, reported it to police headquarters. Friday Green walked in a fruit store where the trouble had occurred the night before and saw Tucker and shot him. Tucker died. The negro was a quiet, peaceable and inoffensive man.

Governor Ansel and staff together with the Exposition commissioners and a large number of others attended the opening of the Jamestown Exposition Friday.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the South Carolina Postmaster's Association held this week it was decided to hold the annual meeting of that body here Fair week.

Four of the commissioned officers of the State National Guard Association have filed their resignations with the Adjutant and Inspector General.

A petition for "Dispensary" or "No Dispensary" is being circulated throughout Richland county.

Gov. Ansel has received from the State Medical Association the following list of nominees for the State Board of Health: Robt. Wilson, Charleston; H. T. Hall, Aiken; C. C. Gambrell, Abbeville; J. A. Hayne, Greenwood; W. J. Bardell, Lugoff; Jas. Evans, Florence and C. T. Williams of Columbia.

While reading the baseball score in Abbot's the past week we met Ralph K. Foster, who was passing through the city.

Mr. Jas. S. Wilson was here the past week.

We hope that Lancaster will soon have electric lights and also waterworks.

We congratulate all of the recent brides and bridegrooms of Lancaster. "May they live long and prosper".

PUSH LANCASTER! DO IT NOW!

Are you coming to the Reunion? We are looking for you and a large delegation from dear old Lancaster.

Lancastrian.
Columbia, S. C. Apr. 29, 1907.

Don't Pay Alimony.

To be divorced from your appendix. There will be no occasion for it if you keep your bowels regular with Dr. King's New Pills. Their action is so gentle that the appendix never has cause to make the least complaint. Guaranteed by Crawford Bros. Funderburk Pharmacy, druggist. 25c. Try them.

His Skull Crushed for Holding H of Another Fellow's Heart at Revival.

Ashland, Ky., April 25.—At Sutton, near Grayson, a free for all fight last night, between the Patrick and the Haney boys broke up a revival service.

The affair was caused by Jim Patrick who held the hand of Albert Haney's sweetheart. Haney struck Jim Patrick and their friends took sides, starting a battle that literally "cleaned out" the church.

Jim Patrick's skull was crushed and he can not survive. The girl who was the innocent cause of the trouble was struck with a pair of brass knuckles and rendered unconscious. Two other combatants were injured. The principals were arrested.

Ex-Coroner Green Kills Negro Hackman in Columbia.

Columbia special in the Observer: The shooting to death of a negro hackman named Mose Tucker by ex Coroner William S. Green, serving at the time as a bailiff in Peter Greet's fruit store on Main street nearly opposite the Skyscraper building at 10:30 this morning, caused much excitement about the store.

In Greet's store at the time of the killing was Mr. Walter Atkinson, a traveling man from Jersey City. He says that at the time Green came into the store Tucker was sitting to the counter writing out his address for him (Atkinson;) that Green without a word from Tucker swore at him and shot him. Tucker stooped to pick up an open knife he had dropped and Green told him if he attempted to pick it up he would shoot him through the head. Tucker then staggered out of the back door of the store and fell dead in the back yard.

How He Saved his Fruit Crop.

Trenton special in Columbia State: The only fruit crop reported as saved in this community is that of Mr. John M. Curry. He hauled saw dust into his orchard and with it kept up fires throughout the two coldest nights of the recent cold spell and thus saved his entire peach crop.

Old Man Commits Suicide.

Spartanburg special in The State: Mr. S. H. Moore, an old man about 70 years of age, committed suicide by blowing the top of his head off with a shotgun at his home at Glendale this afternoon at about 4:30 o'clock. Despondency on account of ill health was the cause of the deed.

A Narrow Escape.

G. W. Cloyd, a merchant of Plunk, Mo. had a narrow escape four years ago, when he ran a jimson bur into his thumb. He says: "The doctor wanted to amputate it but I would not consent. I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and that cured the baneerous wound." 25c at Crawford Bros. Funderburk Pharmacy, druggists.

Sumter Dist. Conference.

Proceedings of the Meeting in Heath Springs--Fine Showing for Missions.

Reported for The News.

The Sumter District conference met with our hospitable neighbor, Heath Springs, last Wednesday evening and adjourned Saturday. All the sessions were held in the church. Dr. H. W. Bays, the presiding elder of the Sumter district, presided at each session. All the preachers were present and about forty or fifty laymen.

Thursday morning Dr. Bays announced the fact that the seventeen charges of the district had contributed three thousand dollars to Home and Foreign Missions. He then read a letter from Bishop Candler urging the district to undertake the support of one or more missionaries in the island of Cuba. After some discussion a collection was taken for this purpose. The conference generously contributed twelve hundred dollars for this cause and purposes to make the amount fifteen hundred dollars.

C. B. Smith, C. C. Herbert, Dr. J. W. Daniel, S. H. Booth, and the writer were called upon to preach.

Rev. S. H. Zimmerman represented Epworth Orphanage and the Columbia College. Wofford College was not represented. Rev. S. A. Nettles presented the claims of the Southern Christian Advocate. R. E. Turnipseed.

Formal Opening of Jamestown Exposition--Many Thousands Present.

Norfolk, Va., April 26.—President Roosevelt, the diplomatic, naval and military representatives of thirty seven nations of the world, governors of a score of states and detachments of the army and navy of the government, participated today in the exercises of the Jamestown Ter Centennial Exposition in celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the first English settlement in America.

From firing the sunrise salute of three hundred guns by a detachment of the United States army, through the picturesque beauty of the review of the international fleet of war vessels anchored in Hampton Roads the ceremonies of the dedication at which the President spoke and down to a late hour tonight, when the Chief Executive went abroad the naval yacht, Sylph to spend the night in the lower bay, the day was crowded with notable incidents.

—Rev. C. P. Carter began a week's meeting at the Eureka Mill last night. Rev. T. A. Dabney, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Lancaster, will be on hand this evening and will preach every night this week.—Chester Reporter.